

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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10:30 AM



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Rev. Ann Kansfield — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude “China Gates” and “In a Landscape” John Cage

Welcome

* **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

(Psalm 92: 1-2)

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, **to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

* **Hymn No. 532**

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct

what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo

In The Morning

Flatt Lonesome
Soloist- Evan Swanson

*In the morning, there is joy
In the morning, there is peace
In the morning, all things are brand new
In the valley, there are choices
In the valley, there are voices
In the valley of sin and despair
Keep walking through the valley
Keep talking in the valley
To Jesus- He'll always be there
In the morning, there is joy
In the morning, there is peace
In the morning, all things are brand new
Through the mourning, through the pain
He will wipe the tears away
But in the morning, all things are brand new
In the morning, all things are brand new*

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Sarah White

Isaiah 55: 1-5

p. 598

Matthew 14: 13-21

p. 796

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (RCA contemporary version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic[†] Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

[†] The word "catholic" means "universal,"
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

Solo

Beautiful City (from "Godspell")

Stephen Schwartz
Soloist- Evan Swanson

*Out of the ruins and rubble,
Out of the smoke,
Out of our night of struggle,
Can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray, reaching for the day...
We can build a beautiful city,
Yes we can (yes we can).
We can build a beautiful city,
Not a city of angels,
But we can build a city of man.*

*We may not reach the ending,
But we can start
Slowly but truly mending,
Brick by brick,
Heart by heart.
Now, maybe now,
We start learning how.*

*We can build a beautiful city,
Yes we can (yes we can).
We can build a beautiful city,
Not a city of angels,
But we can build a city of man.*

*When your trust is all but shattered,
When your faith is all but killed,
You can give up bitter and battered,
Or you can slowly start to build...*

*A beautiful city,
Yes we can (yes we can).
We can build a beautiful city,
Not a city of angels,
But finally a city of man.*

*** Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses***

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

* **Hymn No. 634**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Doctor Gradus Ad Parnassum

Debussy

Announcements

INTRODUCTION

Ann Kansfield is a UCC minister who serves as a pastor at the Greenpoint Reformed Church and as a chaplain with the Fire Department of the City of New York. She's energetic, humorous, and entertaining while also being very serious about the ministry of the gospel. She lives a block from Times Square with her wife and their two middle school-aged children. Not surprisingly, their apartment can get a little loud at times. Ann is the author of *Be the Brave One*, a collection of ministry adventures told around the theme of living out one's spiritual values. Proving yet again that NYC is really a small town, Ann and Sarah White grew up together on the same block in Rochester, NY.

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Evan Swanson and Emerson Chen for providing the beautiful music this morning!

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT

We are helping First Reformed Church of College Point collect school supplies again this year to provide to their food pantry families. There are lists of needed supplies on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We have a collection box for donations at the entrance of the Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can place your donation in the offering plate

during worship. You can also give via our online giving platform, Tithe.ly, to the "School Supply Project" Fund. **Donations should be received no later than August 20th.**

PRAYING FOR RESTORATION

Your Regional Synod is saddened over the disaster and hardship some of our churches are experiencing due to recent storms that caused major flooding in some areas. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the churches impacted by the storm. For churches that need it, the Regional Synod of New York will provide some funding to assist with clean-up.

We realize that all this will take time, so the Regional Synod is preparing to provide initial clean-up assistance to assist the churches in continuing ministry.

To support the effort of our regional synod and help our fellow churches and their communities we are asking for donations to aid this effort. Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, sent to the church office, or given via Tithe.ly under the Regional Synod - Flood Relief fund.

Please make checks out to Church on the Hill and indicate 'Flood Relief' in the memo line.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. *We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, Textbooks* *Please hold donations until further notice.*

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings through the weekly email and the Beacon. A sign-up form can be found on **churchonthehill.org**

Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, or if your loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at office@churchonthehill.org

Diane Blagburn

The Family of

Anna Marie Brennan

The Family of

Glenda Burke

Thomas Degnen

Lucas Ditta

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Adam Gonzalez

Gregory Happ

Richard Iovale

Susan Laurita

Lynn Lauterbach

Donna Lemay

Rose McLain

Kathy Meyer

Paul Mobius

The Redfern family

Debi Romano

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

The Umana Family

Virginia Young

The Prayer List will be getting a refresh in September - In an effort to start with a clean list, please contact the Church Office to add or remove a loved one from the list.



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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